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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE :  
OF: :

**Mark O'Connell, M.D.** :  
**License No. MA 65676** :

Administrative Action

MODIFIED ORDER OF  
LIMITED LICENSURE

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was **opened** to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon the **request** of respondent, **Mark O'Connell, M.D.**, and with full endorsement of David I. Canavan, M.D., Medical Director Emeritus of the Physician's Health Program (PHP), for modification of the Order of Restricted Licensure, dated September 12, 2002.

On May 8, 2002, a Consent Order of **Voluntary** Surrender of Licensure was entered, **wherein** Dr. O'Connell, a Board certified internist and invasive cardiologist, **admitted** to **diverting** Fentanyl from patients in the **Intensive** Care Unit at Jersey Shore Medical Center. On September 12, 2002, a Consent Order of Restricted Licensure was entered **wherein** Dr. O'Connell's license to practice **medicine** in this state was reinstated with certain **provisions**. By way of letter dated January 15, 2003, Respondent, through the PHP, **requested** that the requirement that **Respondent** be

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accompanied by a nurse when making hospital rounds in the Intensive Care Unit be removed.

The Board having considered the Respondent's request and the recommendations of the PHP in this case and all relevant documentation submitted and finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003

ORDERED that:

1. Paragraph 1(f) of the Order of Limited Licensure for Mark O'Connell, M.D. dated September 12, 2002 which states "Respondent shall be prohibited from hospital rounds in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) unless accompanied by a nurse" is hereby eliminated.

2. Respondent shall in all other respects continue to comply with all terms and conditions of the Order of Limited Licensure dated September 12, 2002.

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BY: William V. Harrer MD BCD  
William V. Harrer, M.D., B.L.D.  
President

I have read and understand  
the above Order and I agree,  
to abide by its terms.

Mark O'Connell  
Mark O'Connell, M.D.

Consent as to form

David I. Canavan MD  
David I. Canavan, M.D.  
Medical Director Emeritus  
Physicians' Health Program